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Dear Sir:

This paper is to summarize the interview conducted with Examiner Mahesh H. Dwivedi on May 11, 2009 with Applicants' representative, Ari G. Akmal.

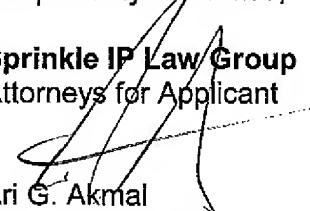
Summary

On May 11, 2009, Ari G. Akmal held a telephone conference with Examiner Dwivedi regarding Claims 37, 55 and 89 and the prior art reference U.S. Publication No. 2002/004262. During the interview, the Examiner stated that if Mr. Akmal defined metadata and added the term Boolean, then the instant application would certainly be considered allowable over the currently cited prior art and in his opinion would be allowable ,pending a new search and/or consideration.

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